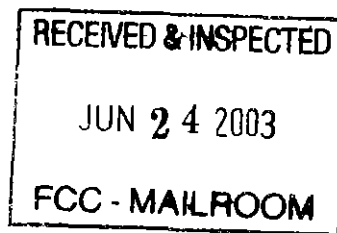


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Dear Commission:

I am protesting your decision on media concentration. I have satellite service. There are very few news programs I watch any more because most of them seem to be auditions for cheerleaders —perky gets the job. As many have observed, Walter Cronkite would not get an interview these days. And although I often disagree with Ashleigh Banfield and do not share her political views, it does not seem reasonable to me that she should be reprimanded for saying what she thinks about media coverage as an invited guest speaker for a prestigious college lecture. The CEO of one media giant was recently quoted as saying, "we're not in the business of providing news and information; we're in the business of making a profit." Is this really the mentality to which we want to grant a monopoly?

Virtually every film I try to watch on my satellite channels is censored. The line is "edited for content" but censorship by any other name is still censorship. When AMC censors "Jaws," the ridiculous becomes pathetic. And I know of few things more unpatriotic than for a channel called "American Movie Classics" to routinely censor its "American classics."

One of the last things this country needs right now is decisions like the one you made today. Ever since Sept 11th, I have seen behaviors on the political left that have troubled me — what I have seen often looks like kneejerk, thoughtless political bias to me. Now I'm seeing those behaviors on the other extreme. Monopolies and censorship are NOT the American way. I hope that my representatives will work to find ways to change your action today and to ameliorate some of the dangerous trends currently at work. I live in the state that spawned Joe McCarthy; we don't need that again.

Sincerely,

Judi M. Roller

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Senator Russ Feingold
Senator Hero Kohli